

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

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1. Moscow postpones
Supreme Soviet
meeting

Our Embassy suggests that the delay (from 10 April to the 23rd) may have been caused by difficulty in making key appointments connected with the agricultural reorganization started in March, lack of information about the Chinese Communist Congress, or a desire to hold the session closer to the time we resume nuclear testing. Khrushchev's reported illness may also be a factor.

2. Netherlands-
Indonesia

a. The Dutch cabinet did not take up the Bunker formula at its Friday meeting, but will probably do so today.

b. Sukarno has publicly reiterated his intention to gain control of West New Guinea this year by whatever means necessary, but he accents the peaceful approach. Subandrio has again assured Jones that Djakarta will do everything possible to avoid increasing tensions and has asserted that orders have been issued to stop military actions and infiltrations.

3. Disarmament

a. Ambassador Dean reports that the Soviets are trying to exploit their advantage in being the only nation to have a complete draft of a disarmament treaty on the table at Geneva. He also says that the eight neutral nations are "beginning to ask pointed and pertinent questions" whether we have lost interest in the conference.

b. Krishna Menon intends to submit a plan--a variation of the Swedish proposal presented last week--which calls for a detection system located on neutral soil. The ranking Indian delegate in Geneva claims that the plan has been endorsed by the nonaligned members of the conference.

c. We expect the neutrals to apply increasing pressure for a postponement of the US test program and they may ask for a conference recess should we proceed.

4. Laos

a. The Soviet ambassador in Laos is sticking to his plans to take an extended vacation beginning later this month. He has intimated that there is nothing to worry about in the immediate future.

b. Souvanna has accepted an invitation to meet with Gavin next Thursday.

5. Summit meeting

Despite Soviet statements to us
[redacted] they have been 50X1
telling the Indians and other neutrals
in Geneva that a heads of government
meeting will, in fact, take place. They
mention the third week in May.

6. De Gaulle-Fanfani
talks on European
Confederation

De Gaulle showed some give on
the question of linking European
defense to NATO and on the economic
powers of the EEC. He remained
standoffish, however, on the issue
of providing for increased political
integration later on.

NOTES

- A. The total turnout of voters in the French referendum (75.62%) barely met the minimum requirements set by De Gaulle as a satisfactory expression of national support for his policies. A decision whether to dissolve parliament and hold elections presumably awaits complete analysis of the returns, and may be thrashed out in the cabinet meeting scheduled for Wednesday.
- B. The present outlook still favors the return of deposed President Qudsi to head up a new Syrian government. The army has announced that the new regime will be composed entirely of civilians, but named no names.
- C. The uprising in Ecuador, led by pro-Castro elements, has been suppressed. Security forces, however, remain on the alert against the possibility of new outbreaks, and are deployed in the main cities as well as several provincial towns.
- D. Reports from Buenos Aires indicate that the military have prevailed on Guido to ban the Peronists, but there is still confusion and uncertainty in the armed forces on what action to take if Guido fails to win political backing at home and acceptance abroad.

DOCUMENTS OF INTEREST

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